

Mr. Zimmermans---Actions Speak Louder Than Words

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IN the "Workers' Age", the organ of the Lovestoneites, Zimmerman came out with a belated statement in which he attempts to explain the special privileges accorded to him by the Schlesinger-Dubinsky-Bresslau controlled convention of the International Ladies Garment Workers, which set aside the well-guarded bureaucratic machine rules to declare him eligible to run for office.

This statement is full of demagogy and is intended to continue the illusion amongst the workers that Zimmerman and his allies are an opposition to the I.L.G.W.U. leadership.

The workers in the trade know from past experience that when the International clique has to contend with real opponents who have a policy of class struggle as against the policy of class collaboration, they not only fail to set aside the rules but tighten these rules so as to keep their opponents out of the way. (The expulsion policy of 1925-1926, etc.) Dubinsky's speech in favor of Zimmerman's admission shows clearly that the bureaucrats of the International know that Zimmerman has completely repented his past and that today he can be a very useful cog in the machine.

Clouding the Issue.

Zimmerman's statement that he was admitted because the International machine wanted to cover up the act of admitting Langer, Fineberg, and the others, is false and misleading. On the contrary, his admission is part of a well calculated plan of these union bureaucrats. Just as they are in need of the Finebergs and the Langers to help them carry through the open betrayals of the workers, so are they greatly in need of the Zimmerman fake oppositionists who with beautiful words and high sounding phrases cover up the betrayal of the International machine against the workers, turn the growing discontent of the workers into safe channels paralyzing the efforts of the workers to develop a real struggle against the bosses.

Dubinsky, the shrewd, corrupt head of the International machine, had good reasons to believe that by permitting Zimmerman to serve on the executive board of Local 22 he was not extending any privileges to an enemy but to a friend, for have not the events in the dress trade during the past few months given suffi-

American working class, Negro and white, native and foreign-born, in struggle for the six immediate demands. These demands represent the minimum needs of the exploited masses in the United States. The Communist Party calls for a mass struggle, of which the election struggle is an indispensable part, for these demands throughout the United States. The Communist Party proposes mass struggle and mass resistance of the most resolute and determined character against all war plans and acts of war.

Organized mass struggle for the six demands is the first requirement for the decisive struggle for the establishment of a Workers' and Farmers' Government.

Only the revolutionary government of the workers and farmers, with the Communist Party in the lead, can solve the crisis for all the exploited and free the masses from hunger, slavery and imperialist war.

The Communist election program is a call to the American workers and poor farmers, black and white, for unity in organized and militant mass struggle on all fields for the revolutionary way out of the crisis—the way the Russian masses took to victory and freedom.

The Communist Party election program is a declaration of war FOR the working class—war AGAINST American capitalism and its offensive against the lives and liberties of the masses in the United States and throughout the world.

cient proof of that?

Zimmerman in his statement writes about the miserable conditions facing the workers in our trade. He writes of the fact that not a single measure was adopted at the convention which aims to improve the conditions of the workers. But not a single word did he say in his statement about the treacherous role of his fake progressive delegation at the convention, the delegation whose leader and guide he was, the delegation which on every important issue went hand in hand with the Dubinskys and Bresslaus.

Cheer Jailing of Workers.

These fake progressive delegates just like the others rose to their feet glowing with enthusiasm over the statement of Hochman that he was sent a letter demanding the imprisonment of the workers of the Industrial Union, whom Zimmerman and his allies know as class conscious militant workers, and voted to throw the telegram demanding their release into the waste basket.

These fake progressive delegates, just like the Schlessingers, Bresslaus, Dubinskys and Feinberg's cheered the bloody Mayor Moore (who only a few days ago carried through a pogrom on the unemployed workers), cheered Matthew Woll and McGrady, and helped to create a lynching party against the left wing delegates who voted against the fake strike and proposed the mobilization of the cloakmakers for a real strike for union conditions under rank and file control.

Not a single word did Zimmerman have to say against his fake progressive allies who voted support and sympathy for the counter-revolutionists in the Soviet Union, who voted down every resolution that dealt with the real problems confronting the workers in our trade and the working class generally.

Against Rank and File.

Zimmerman did not have a single word to say against his fake progressives who even voted down their resolution for placing rank and file members on the G.E.B. which they themselves had proposed at the local meeting.

Zimmerman Sneers.

Zimmerman characterized the earnest desire of the workers and of the Industrial Union for a united strike as a "Communist maneuver". He who had been fought most bitterly when he was in the ranks of the revolutionary movement was put forth as the spokesman of the reactionary treacherous International machine. His forums, and lectures were advertised in the yellow "Forward", in the Tammany "Day".

This was done at a time when he knew well that the International Machine of which he was a part was planning to put through the same fake as the 1930 with even greater wage cuts and greater concessions of the bosses.

These facts were brought to light by Zimmerman himself in his famous articles in the "Day".

Zimmerman was the one whom Hochman entrusted with the job of attempting to break up the united front conference on the eve of the dress strike.

And now how do Zimmerman's acts today compare with the beautiful words we find in his statement? Only last Tuesday night when the left wing delegates introduced a resolution calling on Local 22 to invite the Industrial Union to a conference to work out plans for a united mass organization drive and to submit these plans to a united conference of the shop delegates of all shops of the International, the Industrial Union and open shops, Zimmerman sneered and laughed at the call for united struggle against the boss, which is heard from the mouths of the thousands of suffering and enslaved dressmakers. The dressmakers and the workers generally will judge Zimmerman by his acts, not by his words.